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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Kimihiko Kikuchi et al. )  
Serial No. 09/611,717 ) Examiner: D. H. Heckenberg Jr.  
Filing Date: July 6, 2000 ) Group Art Unit No. 1722  
For: PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER AND )  
FACE TREATMENT METHOD )  
AND TREATMENT DEVICE )

## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002, Applicants have timely filed this Amendment with a one month extension of time. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please amend this application as follows: